



The Honorable Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
and Members of the Tucson City Council
c/o City Clerk's Office
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Date: May 3, 2013

Subject: Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC)
2012 Annual Report

The board would first like to thank the Mayor and Council and the Pima County Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Tucson and Pima County. The commission is grateful to the City Clerk for providing clerical support, and in this difficult time, the volunteer commission members, citizens, and other groups committed to the preservation of Tucson's history are stepping up to continue to allow the commission to fulfill its mission. The success of the commission has been greatly enhanced by the team effort practiced by all.

Attached is a quarterly report that summarizes all 2012 T-PCHC activities, and the other lists the "mini grants" that were awarded to worthy historic preservation projects in the community. Many of the funds given for projects allowed groups to leverage additional funds, and in some cases were the deciding factor whether or not a project could move forward.

The volunteer members of the commission donated hundreds of hours in 2012 to meet T-PCHC's mission to further awareness and preservation of historic sites, structures, districts, and character of the City of Tucson, Pima County, and the City of South Tucson.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Teresita Majewski".

Teresita Majewski, Ph.D., RPA, FSA
Chair
T-PCHC

Enclosures: 2011-2012 TPCHC Quarterly Activities

Tucson Pima County Historical Commission
Quarterly Activities
1st Quarter
July 2011 to September 2011

- A. The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) sponsors an annual flag-raising ceremony to commemorate the establishment of El Presidio de San Agustín del Tucson by Lieutenant Colonel Hugo O'Connor, as described in a letter to the Spanish viceroy on August 20, 1775. This event educates the public by telling about the convergence of cultures that had shaped our community's rich and distinctive heritage. The founding of El Presidio de San Agustín del Tucson 236 years ago marked an important moment for this cultural convergence, and recent archaeological investigations are providing us with new information about the people who first settled this region thousands of years ago. Tucson truly has a long and rich history that is worthy of celebration. Since 1975, the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission has sponsored this annual celebration with a presentation of the different flags that have flown over the Tucson area throughout its history. This year a new element was added to garner the attention of youth to the historical aspects of Tucson. Children's toys, books and other items of interest from the era were on display at the celebration.

The Commission invites particular historically related organizations to present the flags that have flown over Tucson, as well as the flags of the neighboring Native American tribes - the Tohono O'odham and Pascua Yaqui Nations. The Commission also requests surrounding municipalities and the State of Arizona Governor's Office to participate in a ceremonial signing of a joint proclamation relating to the significance of Tucson's birthday. Live entertainment is provided at the finale, and "birthday" cake is served at the conclusion of the ceremony, all provided by the Commission.

Approximately 100 people attended the 2011 Birthday Celebration, of which 40 actually participated in the event by reading proclamations, signing a joint proclamation, and presenting the various flags. Staff members from the City Clerk's Office and Parks and Recreation were also in attendance to help with production of the ceremony.

- B. The Plans Review Subcommittee met a total of six (6) times during this quarter.
- C. The full Commission met a total of three (3) times during this quarter.
- D. The Birthday Subcommittee met once during this quarter.

Tucson Pima County Historical Commission
Quarterly Activities
2nd Quarter
October 2011 to December 2011

- A. TPCHC met (3) times during this quarter.
 - B. TPCHC Budget Subcommittee met (2) two times with one cancellation due to lack of quorum this quarter.
 - C. TPCHC historic Landmark Signs Subcommittee did not met this quarter.
 - D. TPCHC Plans Review Subcommittee met (5) five times this quarter.
 - E. Approval of funds to the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood, Inc. \$700.00 for the 31st La Reunion de El Fuerte and Fort Lowell day on 2/11/2012
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Tucson Pima County Historical Commission
Quarterly Activities
3rd Quarter
January 2012 to March 2012

- A. The full body, TPCHC, met three (3) times during this quarter. Some of the discussions included the 2012 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference and regular updates from the Tucson Preservation Foundation and a subcommittee was established for Community Outreach and Training.
 - B. The Budget Subcommittee met once during this quarter and approved expenditures up to \$1,000 for the Tucson-Pima County Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony to be held in May 2012.
 - C. The Outreach and Training Subcommittee met once during this period and began establishing a training program for commissioners and reviewed methods of outreach to various Pima County communities.
 - D. The Preservation Awards Subcommittee met twice this quarter. Discussions included logistics for the ceremony and this year's application forms and methods of distribution.
 - E. The Plans Review Subcommittee met five (5) times during this quarter for development/construction requests in various Historic Preservation Zones. Cases reviewed included a porch addition in the Ft. Lowell District; Fire Sprinkler System inside the Tucson Rodeo Parade Museum; restoration of various "national register eligible" Historic Landmark Signs located in different locations around Tucson; construction of an accessory structure in the Barrio Historico District; mitigation of repairs and stability to the Steinfeld Warehouse, which is on the National Historic Register. The subcommittee also helped to review the Urban Overlay District, which affects the West University Historic Zone.
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Tucson Pima County Historical Commission
Quarterly Activities
4th Quarter
April 2012 to June 2012

- A. The full body met three times during this quarter. Some of the discussions included approving support for a grant proposed by the Downtown Tucson Partnership on Historical Resources. The 2012 Statewide Preservation Conference was also discussed.
- B. The Budget subcommittee met twice during the fourth quarter. They recommended approval of \$1,000 for commissioner support to attend the 2012 Statewide Preservation Conference in Prescott, as no funding was available from the City's preservation office this year. No more than \$200 per commissioner was recommended. The Budget subcommittee also recommended support for the annual Tucson Birthday celebration.
- C. The Birthday Celebration subcommittee met three times during this quarter to plan the Annual Tucson Birthday Celebration. The subcommittee members coordinated food, supplies, decorations and entertainment for the celebration. For the first time the annual Tucson Birthday Celebration was held in the evening.
- D. The Plans Review subcommittee met five times this quarter for development/construction requests in various Historic Preservation Zones. Cases included the Historic Landmark Sign at the Wayward Winds Lodge, 707 W. Miracle Mile Road, the Change of Use at 101 E. Pennington Street to the Reilly Craft Pizza Restaurant, several porch additions and rehabilitations in historic neighborhoods and a detached structure in the Fort Lowell Historic Preservation Zone.